

Wins will be hard to come by at Rugby World Cup

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The Canadian Press

It's been a long hard road to the Rugby World Cup for Canada. And the journey may well be equally bumpy in Japan.

Expectations are low. Just making the tournament proved to be heavy lifting this time out with the 22nd-ranked Canadians the last to crack the 20-team field. Only Namibia, at No. 23, is ranked lower.

A rugby murderers' row awaits in Pool B.

The Canadian men are long on pride and commitment to the cause. Watch the team during the national anthem — no group belts out "O Canada" with more passion. But the ever-widening gap between Tier 2 nations and rugby's heavyweights is a daunting bridge to cross.

"It is an achievement to qualify for the World Cup but this is where it starts," said coach Kingsley Jones. "We need to take part in it, not just be here."

The Canadians will have to play at their best, and

perhaps have some luck go their way, if they are to find the win column.

Consider that Canada has only ever made it past the first round once — in 1991, when it lost 29-13 to New Zealand in the quarterfinals. The Canadians have gone 2-12-2 in the last four tournaments, with both victories coming against Tonga.

While the Canadian men have never missed the sport's showcase, it took them three tries to do it this time. They won a repechage tournament over the likes of Hong Kong, Germany and Kenya after losing qualifying series to the U.S. and Uruguay.

Their reward was a place alongside three-time champion New Zealand (ranked second in the world), two-time winner South Africa (No. 4), Italy (No. 14) and Namibia (No. 23) in Pool B.

Canada's all-time record against the four is 4-14-0, with two of the wins against Namibia and two against Italy (which has beaten the Canadians seven times).

Canada opens Sept. 26 against Italy before taking on New Zealand, South Africa and Namibia.

"One does fear for the likes of Namibia and Canada in a pool with two of the tournament favourites, New Zealand and South Africa," wrote England's Daily Telegraph, noting the most lopsided World Cup beating came in 2003 when Australia beat Namibia 142-0.

After reading that, Canadians may be cheered to learn that Canada's average losing margin to New Zealand is 51.8 points.

Finishing third in the group would guarantee a berth in the next World Cup, an outcome that would likely need wins over Italy and Namibia. A more reasonable goal is just beating Namibia.

"I think with our best group available we can challenge," Jones said gamely when asked about the tournament.

"We've just got to keep getting better and better right throughout this competition," he added.

NBA cracks down on tampering

TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

The NBA's board of governors was unanimous Friday in its approval of a plan to stiffen potential penalties for tampering with players and employees under contract with other clubs, hoping for increased compliance in existing league rules.

Fines of up to \$10 million are now possible in the most egregious situations, along with forfeiture of draft picks, suspensions of executives and voiding of contracts when rule breaking is found — significant enough threats, the league hopes, to end any notion of teams entering into deals with free agents before rules allow.

"We need to ensure that we're creating a culture of compliance in this league," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said after two days of meetings concluded in New York. "Our teams want to know that they're competing on a level playing field and frankly don't want to feel disadvantaged if they are adhering to our existing rules."

The rules aren't new, but Silver has been saying for months that it's pointless for the league to have policies that cannot be enforced. And while the new parameters aren't foolproof, an important change is that every franchise will have to annually certify that its executives did not talk to free agents or their representatives before league rules allow.

But for years, the notion of waiting for the start of free agency to talk to available players has been largely ignored. This year, free agency was to officially begin at 6 p.m. Eastern on June 30, and many deals were known to be done within minutes.

"There need to be consequences when rules are violated," Silver said.

Willett, Rahm take the lead

The Associated Press

VIRGINIA WATER, England
A fast start by Danny Willett and a sublime finish by Jon Rahm helped them into a tie for the second-round lead at the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth on Friday.

Willett was 5 under after his first five holes and rolled in three more birdies in a 7-under 65, lifting the former Masters champion atop the leaderboard at the flagship event at the European Tour's headquarters.

The Englishman was soon joined on 11 under overall by No. 6-ranked Rahm, who hit a 4-iron to 10 feet at the par-5 18th hole and made the eagle putt to complete a round of 67.

"This weekend you're going to have a real good leaderboard," said Willett, who raced to the turn in 29 just like in 2016 when he finished third after sharing the 36-hole lead, "and we've put ourselves in a position to be right up there."

They were two strokes clear of Justin Rose (68), Henrik Stenson (69) and South Africa's Christiaan Bezuidenhou (67), who holed a flop shot over a bunker for birdie at No. 15 in one of the shots of the day.

Paul Casey, a winner at the European Open in Germany two weeks ago, shot 69 and was a further two shots back on 7 under with Billy Horschel, whose 65 tied for the lowest round of the day with Willett.

Among the chasing pack was Viktor Hovland, a 22-year-old Norwegian who has now shot 19 straight rounds in the 60s across the PGA and European Tours. A pair of 69s left him in a tie for eighth place.

No. 2-ranked Rory McIlroy followed an opening-round 76 with a 69 to make the cut on the number with Tommy Fleetwood (75) and Ryder Cup captain Padraig Harrington (72).

PUBLIC NOTICES

8AM - 4PM SPECIAL SERVICES

Electric Outages.....	403.529.8260
Gas Emergency.....	403.529.8191
Water & Sewer Emergency.....	403.502.8042
After Hours Special Services.....	403.526.2828



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DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 12 TO SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

2 ROSSMERE PLACE SE	(Lot 89, Block 18, Plan 7810695) DP15145. Single Detached House (Over-Height Fence Variance).
326 7 STREET SE	(Lot 17, Block 3, Plan 1132M) DP15154. Garage (Shed).



446 5 STREET SW	(Lot 26, Block 18, Plan 833M) DP15174. Office Use With Storage on Site. General Contractor/Project Manager.
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360 14 STREET NE	(Lot 32, Block 3, Plan 1433HS) DP15175. Office Use With Storage on Site. Online Sales.
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1712 17 AVENUE SE	(Lot 17, Block 22, Plan 3915AR) DP15177. Office Use Only. Consultant.
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2161 10 AVENUE NE	(Lot 32, Block 7, Plan 7410918) DP15181. Office Use With Storage on Site. General Contractor/Project Manager.
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COMMERCIAL

7 STOBER BAY SE	(Lot 1, Block 3, Plan 1711379) DP15123. Four Fascia Signs and One Freestanding Sign.
104 - 1235 SOUTHVIEW DRIVE SE	(Lot , Block 1, Plan 9812163) DP15151. One Fascia Sign.
2350 BOX SPRINGS BOULEVARD NW	(Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 0810490) DP15153. One Portable Sign.

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within twenty-one (21) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca

All Development Permits listed are subject to conditions. Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 403.529.8374).

WATER MAIN FLUSHING & FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTIONS

Environmental Utilities performs regular, routine maintenance to uphold the water quality and system infrastructure by annually flushing water mains and inspecting fire hydrants.

During these operations, there may be some discoloration in the water which is not harmful to consume and will disappear when flushing is complete. Please note that discoloured water should not be used for laundry and that fluctuating water pressure may also be noticed.

Should discoloration persist beyond three hours, turn on your cold water tap or an outside sprinkler and let the water run for several minutes until the water runs clear.

For additional information or to confirm whether crews are working in your zone, refer to the Water Flushing Programs page on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca/eu or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

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The City of Medicine Hat invites you to apply for decision making and advisory opportunities on our diverse Boards, Commissions and Committees.

- ✓ Review the opportunities below, and pick up or download a handbook and application form on our city website: www.medicinehat.ca and click on 'I want to apply'. Feel free to contact the key people listed below if you have additional questions.
- ✓ Ensure you are the right fit: you are a resident of Medicine Hat (except the Public Library Board and the Youth Advisory Board). Police Commission applicants are subject to a records check. All terms are three years except where indicated.
- ✓ Fill out an application form and attach a two page resume if you wish, and submit it by **4:30 pm November 13, 2019**. Drop off: City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall, 580 First Street SE or apply online & email your application to: clerk@medicinehat.ca

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

ENTITY	VACANCIES	ACTIVITIES	MEETING DETAILS	MORE INFORMATION?
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES	4	Advise Council on disability issues, advocate for change	1 st Wednesday of month 11:15 am – 1:00 pm	Leslie Jerry (403.502.8086)
ARTS & HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD	3	Advise Committee & Council on Esplanade & arts/heritage matters	Last Monday of month 5:30 pm ± 2 hours	Carrie Wall (403.502.8798)
CITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	5	Champion the Downtown, propose policy change, advocate	2 nd Tuesday of month 5:45 pm plus activities	CCDA Office (403.529.5997)
COMBATIVE SPORTS COMMISSION	3	Management, regulation & control of combative sports	Call of the chair	Randy Taves (403.529.8347)
COMPOSITE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD	1	Hears commercial & multi dwelling taxation appeals (paid training and time)	Sept/Oct/Nov dates depending on appeals	City Clerk Dept. (403.529.8220)
HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE	3	Recommends heritage designations to Council, Ewart Duggan garden	2 nd Tuesday of month 5:00 - 7:30 pm	Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky (403.525.8607)
LOCAL ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD	1	Hears residential taxation appeals (paid training and time)	Sept/Oct/Nov dates depending on appeals	City Clerk Dept. (403.529.8220)
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION	2	Advices & recommends land use planning matters to Council; exercises sub development & development powers	2 nd and 4 th Wednesday of each month 2:30 pm ± 2 hours	City Clerk Dept. (403.529.8220)
POLICE COMMISSION	2 (Police check required)	Various powers under the Police Act & Bylaw #1651	3 rd Thursday of month 4:30 pm & 6:00 pm 1 st Thursday of month informal session 12:00 -1:00 pm	Greg Keen (Chair) (403.502.8908)
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD	3	Management, regulation & control of Library	1 st Wednesday of month 7:00 pm ± 2 hours plus minimum of 1 monthly sub-committee meeting ± 2 hours	Ken Feser (403.502.8528)
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD	2 (2 year term)	Advices Council on the social needs of residents	2 nd Wednesday of month 5:00 pm ± 2 hours	Leah Prestayko (403.529.8310)
SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD	2	Hears appeals from development authority and some Bylaw orders (mandated training)	As & when appeals received ± 2 hours	City Clerk Dept. (403.529.8220)
URBAN ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD	3	Advices Committee and Council on parks/urban environment/recreation	3 rd Wednesday of month 5:00 pm ± 2 hours	James Will (403.529.8312)
YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD	6 (Must be aged 15-21)	Advices Committee and Council on youth issues/needs	2 nd Thursday of month 4:00 pm (subject to change)	Shona Dickie (403.502.8718)

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